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SUBJECT SRV PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENT ON MIA'S

REF: BANGKOK 8032

1. THERE IS NO OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF PHAM VAN DONG'S
PRESS CONFERENCE. SRI LANKA BROADCASTING COMPANY (SLBC)
TAPED CONFERENCE,BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET DIRECT
ACCESS TO TAPE. SLBC PROVIDED USIS WITH TRANSCRIPT OF
PHAM'S ANSWERS,BUT WITHOUT THE QUESTIONS ASKED,AND TRANS-
SCRIPT MAY BE INCOMPLETE.

2. FOLLOWING IS SOLE REFERENCE TO U.S. MIA'S IN SLBC
TRANSCRIPT OF PHAM'S ANSWERS. PLEASE NOTE THAT AWKWARD
ENGLISH IS RESULT OF VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER'S RENDITION
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OF PHAM'S VIETNAMESE INTO ENGLISH.

3. QUOTE.NOW THIS IS THE SITUATION OF THE RELATIONS BE-
TWEEN VIETNAM AND U.S. THE TWO PARTIES HAVE TO SOLVE
TOGETHER THREE MAIN QUESTIONS. FIRST THE NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SECOND THE
OBLIGATIONS OF THE U.S. TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALING

OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND TO POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION OF
THE WAR DEVASTED ECONOMY WHICH IS AN OBLIGATION ON THE
PART OF THE U.S.GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE OF THE U.S.
WAR OF AN AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM HAS CAUSED TREMENDOUS
MATERIAL LOSSES TO OUR COUNTRY. AND THE THIRD
QUESTION IS THE MISSING IN ACTION,MISSING IN ACTION
OF THE U.S. AND THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF THE U.S.
DEAD IN VIETNAM. FOR THIS THERE IS NO DIFFICULTY AT
ALL. THE LIVING AMERICANS WE HAVE RETURNED TO AMERICA.
AS TO THE REMAINS OF THE DEAD THERE IS NO REASON
THAT WE KEEP THEM.BUT THIS IS THE SOLUTION OF PACKAGE
DEAL.UNQUOTE.

4. TEXT OF SLBC TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE BEING
POUCHED TO NEA/INS MALOTT AND TO POL EMBASSY BANGKOK.
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